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DECREE ON SLAUGHTER AND  
FREE SALE OF PIGS

The Council of Ministers has issued a decree regulating slaughtering and free market sale of pigs. Every independent producer, cooperative, or member of a cooperative may sell his pigs on the free market and apply for an unlimited number of slaughtering licenses, provided the 1952 - 1953 obligations have been fulfilled on time. Those who have no arrears and whose 1952 - 1953 delivery obligation is due after 1 September 1952 may sell pigs weighing under 25 kilograms only. If enough pigs have been placed in the fattening pen to cover all delivery obligations, pigs weighing up to 60 kilograms may be sold. As long as the producer has not fulfilled his 1952 - 1953 delivery obligations, he may receive only one slaughtering permit. The permit may be issued only if the producer is not in arrears in respect to the previous delivery period and if he is fattening another pig with which to complete his delivery obligations. The producer who is in arrears for the period prior to 30 June 1952, or whose time limit for the completion of the 1952 - 1953 delivery obligation has expired, may not sell or slaughter pigs until the remainder of the obligation is fulfilled.

Members of producers' cooperatives may sell pigs only if their cooperative is not in arrears as of 30 June, or if the 1952 - 1953 obligations have been fulfilled. As long as the cooperative has not fulfilled its obligation as of 30 June and that part of the 1952 - 1953 obligation due on 31 December 1952, a cooperative member may receive permission for the slaughter of one pig only. A second pig may be slaughtered after the above-mentioned obligations have been fulfilled. Unlimited slaughter permits are issued after the entire pig delivery plan has been fulfilled by the cooperative.

Persons who do not have pig delivery obligations may slaughter pigs in unlimited numbers. Transportation of pigs for purposes of breeding, fattening, or slaughtering is unrestricted in the country. Pigs may be slaughtered only by permit, which must show the date when the slaughter is to take place. Only pigs weighing 125 kilograms or over may be slaughtered for private consumption. The local council must issue permission for emergency slaughter.

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After the pig has been killed, a certain amount of lard must be delivered to the local collection enterprise.

Persons who have been convicted of black-market slaughtering since 19 December 1951 are not authorized to slaughter or sell pigs for 2 years.

Villages which have not fulfilled their pig delivery obligations are excluded from the free market.

Black-market slaughtering is punishable by imprisonment of up to 5 years and a fine of up to 5,000 forints.

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